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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs

The General Assembly

Decides to defer the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs,[1] together with the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] pending the submission of the detailed report of the Secretary-General on the sustainability of the development account, the modalities of its implementation, the specific purposes and associated performance criteria for the use of resources, as requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 24 of its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, to the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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[1] A/52/758.

[2] A/52/7/Add.10.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTAN

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the most recent of which was resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, by which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission and extended its mandate,

Recalling also its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decision thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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[1] A/52/772/Add.1.

[2] A/52/817.

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Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 3,232,333 United States dollars, representing 12 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 15 May 1998, notes that some 12 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides, taking into account the commitment authority provided by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan a

total amount of 15,000,000 dollars gross (14,335,000 dollars net) for the expansion of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237;

8. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 5,379,440 dollars gross (5,290,960 dollars net) for the period ending 15 May 1998 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and 52/215 of 22 December 1997 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1997 and 1998, as set out in its resolutions 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and 52/215, respectively, in addition to the amount of 7,241,241 dollars gross (6,756,141 dollars net) already apportioned for the period ending 15 May 1998;

9. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 2,379,319 dollars gross (2,287,899 dollars net) for the period from 16 May to 30 June 1998 among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 8 above, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 15 May 1998;

10. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the total estimated staff assessment income of 665,000 dollars approved for the period ending 30 June 1998;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. Decides to keep under review during its fifty-second session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

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PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

Indonesia:* draft decision

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/214, section A, paragraphs 5 and 6

The General Assembly, reiterating its resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, decides that the United Nations official holidays shall be set at ten days, in order to observe the two holidays of Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha at the United Nations headquarters and other United Nations duty stations.

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973, 43/232 of 1 March 1989, 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, concerning the composition of groups for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations,

Recalling also its resolution 51/218 C of 18 December 1996 concerning the placement of Slovakia in a group for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations for the period ending on 31 December 1996;

1. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peacekeeping expenses, that, from 1 April 1998, Slovakia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peacekeeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the scale of assessments approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and subsequent resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly concerning future scales of assessments;

2. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of peacekeeping expenses, that, for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 March 1998, Slovakia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to the financing of peacekeeping operations for this period shall be calculated in

accordance with the scales of assessments approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and 52/215 A and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995;

3. Decides further that the contributions of Slovakia for the financing of peacekeeping operations in respect of assessments issued during the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 March 1998 shall be credited to Member States in proportion to their effective rates of assessment for the financing of peacekeeping operations during the period, subject to the following:

(a) Member States included in the groups set out in paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions, shall be credited with the full amount by which their aggregate contributions for the financing of peacekeeping operations during the period in question exceeded the aggregate level that would have applied had Slovakia been included in one of the groups of Member States set out in paragraph 3 of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions;

(b) The full balance of the contributions of Slovakia for the financing of peacekeeping operations for the period in question, after provision for crediting Member States pursuant to paragraph 3 (a) above, shall be credited to Member States included in the group set out in paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 43/232, as adjusted by subsequent resolutions.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] on an amendment to the additional terms of reference governing the audit of the United Nations contained in the annex to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the proposals of the Board of Auditors for improving the implementation of its recommendations and changes in reporting on the progress of such implementation;[2]

1. Approves the revised text of paragraph 5 of the additional terms of reference governing the audit of the United Nations contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. Accepts the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in the annex to its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Emphasizes that primary managerial responsibility and accountability for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors should remain with department heads and programme managers;

4. Endorses the proposals of the Board of Auditors enumerated in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its report concerning accountability for the

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[1] A/52/727.

[2] A/52/753, annex.

implementation of its recommendations, with the provision that officers whose titles or positions are disclosed in accordance with paragraph 6 of the report should be at the level of programme manager or department head, as appropriate;

5. Accepts the proposals of the Board of Auditors concerning change in reporting arrangements, and invites the Secretary-General and the Board to cooperate in establishing a practical and efficient procedure for implementing the proposed changes;

6. Requests the Board of Auditors to include information on implementation of its proposals, as appropriate, in the framework of its reports to the General Assembly.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, Council resolution 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), Council resolution 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III), Council resolution 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1157 (1998) of 20 March 1998,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/8 of 31 October 1997,

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[1] A/52/799.

[2] A/52/825.

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures of the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission by certain Governments,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Observer Mission on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 131,650,352 United States dollars, representing 13 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Verification Mission to the period ending 30 June 1997 and the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 April 1998, notes that some 15 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the operational requirements of such posts;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly before the second part of its resumed fifty-second session the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit findings on the procurement process in the Verification Mission and the report on efforts to recover losses and corrective measures taken, which were requested in paragraph 9 of resolution 52/8;

9. Notes the labour relations difficulties at the Observer Mission and requests the Secretary-General to report on the matter to the General Assembly for its consideration during the second part of its fifty-second resumed session;

10. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola a total amount of 175 million dollars gross (170,741,200 dollars net) for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 155 million dollars gross (150,371,600 dollars net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 52/8;

11. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 20 million dollars gross (20,369,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 among Member States, taking into account the amount of 155 million dollars gross (150,371,600 dollars net) already authorized under the terms of resolution 52/8, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996, and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in resolution 52/215 of 22 December 1997, and subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 30 April 1998;

12. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 369,600 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. Decides to keep the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" and "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola" under review during its fifty-second session.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the most recent of which was resolution 1133 (1997) of 20 October 1997,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/2 B of 13 June 1997,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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[1] A/52/730 and Add.2.

[2] A/52/816 and Corr.1.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Referendum Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Mission on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 20 March 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 54,513,290 United States dollars, representing 19 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 20 April 1998, notes that some 12 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and notes that paragraph 7 of this report is neither an observation nor a recommendation;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the operational requirements of such posts;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 17,172,300 dollars gross (15,989,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of 9,300,500 dollars gross (8,478,100 dollars net) already authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the period from 1 November 1997 to 31 March 1998 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and in addition to the amount of 30,229,800 dollars gross (28,430,400 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 under the provisions of Assembly resolution 51/2 B;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 11,077,300 dollars gross (10,309,500 dollars net) for the period ending 20 April 1998 among Member States, taking into account the amount of 24,351,780 dollars gross (22,902,270 dollars net) already assessed for the same period under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/2 B, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996, and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 of 22 December 1997;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 767,800 dollars approved for the period ending 20 April 1998, taking into account the amount of 1,449,510 dollars already approved for the same period;

11. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 6,095,000 dollars gross (5,679,800 dollars net) for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998 among Member States at the monthly rates indicated in the annex to the present resolution, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, and subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 20 April 1998;

12. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 415,200 dollars approved for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be

administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. Decides to keep under review during its fifty-second session the item entitled 'Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara'.

ANNEX

Monthly assessments for the operation of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 21 April to 30 June 1998

Month	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
April 1998 (balance)	743 000	683 700
May 1998	2 677 900	2 500 000
June 1998	2 674 100	2 496 100
Total	6 095 000	5 679 800

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS (RESOLUTION 48/218 OF 29 JULY 1994 AND DECISION 51/469 B OF 15 SEPTEMBER 1997)

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Procurement reform and outsourcing

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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 49/216 C of 23 December 1994, 51/231 of 13 June 1997, 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/220 of 22 December 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Having also considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the implementation of procurement reform,[3]

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure strict adherence to the regulations and rules governing the procurement process;

[1] A/52/534 and Corr.1.

[2] A/52/7/Add.3.

[3] A/52/813.

2. Notes with concern that its resolution 51/231 and a number of the recommendations contained in the report of the High-level Group of Experts on Procurement remain largely unimplemented, and therefore calls on the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation without any further delay;

3. Notes that the revised procurement manual has not been issued, and requests the Secretary-General to publish the manual no later than 31 March 1998 as stated in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. Also notes the delay in submission of proposals for revision of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, which may be necessary to facilitate implementation of the procurement reform process, and requests the Secretary-General to submit such proposals to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for consideration by the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-second session;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of his next report on procurement reform, to evolve and provide the standards for measuring efficiency of procurement, taking into account the optimal duration of the procurement decision-making process, the total workload in the Procurement Division and the cost-efficiency of procurement, against which the performance should be measured;

6. Notes the decline in ex post facto cases and underscores the need to reduce further the number of such cases through better procurement planning;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all departments and offices at Headquarters and in the field develop, in cooperation with the Procurement Division, annual procurement plans, which should be made publicly available;

8. Emphasizes the need for a sharper definition of exigency needs, and urges the Secretary-General to submit his proposal to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no later than 31 March 1998, as stated in his report;[1]

9. Requests the Secretary-General to consider measures to improve the working methods of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts in order to enhance and expedite the procurement decision-making process;

10. Regrets that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain information on the action taken regarding the guidelines on the methods of invitation to bid, which was recommended by the Board of Auditors in its report on procurement for the period ending 31 December 1995,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to submit the guidelines on methods of invitation to bid, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for consideration by the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-second session;

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[4] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/51/5), vol. I.

11. Also regrets that the information requested in paragraphs 18 and 37 of its resolution 51/231 was not provided in the report of the Secretary-General, and emphasizes that immediate action should be taken for full implementation of the resolution;

12. Further regrets that, despite the initial efforts of the Secretary-General, the supplier roster is still not representative of the membership of the Organization, and requests him to intensify further and focus his efforts to broaden the geographical base of the supplier roster;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all possible measures to increase procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including the following measures:

(a) All invitations to bid should be posted on the Procurement Division Web site homepage as soon as they are prepared, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

(b) All invitations to bid should be sent to the Permanent Missions, as well as to all United Nations information centres and other United Nations offices;

(c) Procurement Division officials may undertake visits to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to attend seminars and exhibitions with a view to identifying potential vendors from those countries;

(d) All commercial opportunities should be published in Development Business, which is issued by the Department of Public Information;

14. Also requests the Secretary-General to examine ways to increase opportunities for developing countries in the award of procurement contracts, in particular least developed and African countries and countries with economies in transition, taking into account the experience of preferential treatment in this regard in the funds and programmes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

15. Further requests the Secretary-General to examine the possibility of awarding procurement contracts to equally qualified vendors from countries that are current in the payment of their assessed contributions, taking into account the experience of other intergovernmental institutions with such practices and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to develop standard procedures for the preparation of performance evaluation reports on suppliers, as requested in paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 51/231;

17. Reiterates its concern about the use of suppliers recommended by requisitioners and, noting that this practice undermines the principle of segregation of responsibilities between requesting and procurement entities, requests the Secretary-General to discontinue such practice;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to revise paragraphs (f) and (g) of rule 110.19 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations to include professional services, medicines, medical supplies, hospital or surgical supplies or prosthetic appliances in the supplier's list and therefore in the open bidding process;

19. Emphasizes that the procurement of goods and services in the field missions could be sourced competitively at the local or regional levels;

20. Notes the progress made in the area of staff training, and requests the Secretary-General to develop further a formal training programme for all procurement staff;

21. Reiterates its decision that all procurement-related functions should only be performed by United Nations staff, and requests the Secretary-General to phase out gratis personnel from the Procurement Division expeditiously, but no later than 31 July 1998;

22. Requests the Secretary-General to review the organizational structure of the Procurement Division in order to ensure effective and efficient management, taking into account the implementation of procurement reforms, including the recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] the Board of Auditors[4] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services[3] and to report thereon, through the Advisory Committee to the General Assembly;

23. Underlines the need to maintain the inventory record in accordance with the relevant regulations and rules;

24. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with conducting a comprehensive review and analysis of the procurement-related arbitration cases and reporting to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on measures to be taken;

25. Also requests the Secretary-General to define and publish the procedures governing the role of the ombudsman and to examine the feasibility of designating that position in a division other than those under the direct authority of the Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services;

26. Regrets the continued delay in the publication of the procurement manual, and notes with concern the apparent absence of effective communication between the various key Secretariat departments involved in its preparation;

27. Requests the Secretariat to examine alternative methods of collecting statistical data in order to provide a more transparent view of the true national provenance of companies benefiting from procurement contracts;

28. Requests the Secretary-General to present proposals on possible amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations to address issues of potential conflict of interest, such as the employment of former United Nations procurement officers by United Nations suppliers and vice versa;

29. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of all of the provisions of the present resolution.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system"[5] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, on the review of the implementation of procurement reform,[6]

1. Welcomes the continued coordination of efforts between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Joint Inspection Unit to improve and streamline the outsourcing activities of the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on outsourcing practices, duly taking into account the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Office of Internal Oversight Services, for consideration by the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-third session.

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[5] A/52/338.

[6] A/52/813.

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Integrated Management Information System project

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/217 of 21 December 1988,

Having considered the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the updated special audit of the Integrated Management Information System,[3]

1. Notes the difficulties inherent in the implementation of the Integrated Management Information System project;

2. Expresses concern that the magnitude and complexity of the IMIS project was underestimated from its inception;

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[1] A/52/711.

[2] A/52/828.

[3] A/52/755.

3. Also expresses concern that the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report of 21 November 1994 on the special audit of the Integrated Management Information System project[4] have not been fully implemented;

4. Expresses its deep concern at the findings of the Board of Auditors as contained in its report on the updated special audit;[3]

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the updated special audit;

6. Takes note of the corrective actions taken by the Administration concerning the recommendations made by the Board of Auditors;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take immediate action for the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-third session;

8. Expresses its deep concern about the time and cost overruns for the completion of the project;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure strict adherence to the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations in matters concerning control over expenditure on the Integrated Management Information System project, with particular reference to contractual costs, and to ensure that adequate administrative support is provided for the project in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Auditors in paragraphs 25 and 27 of the annex to its report;[3]

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to determine the contractor responsibilities in the changes of the Integrated Management Information System in order to limit unnecessary payments by the administration;

11. Further requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with conducting a comprehensive analysis of the reasons for the increase in costs of the contract and to submit its analysis to the General Assembly no later than the end of the main part of its fifty-third session;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to have a forward-looking study of the system conducted by independent experts to be financed by available resources of the Department of Management, without affecting the implementation of its mandate, and to submit it to the General Assembly, together with his comments, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions no later than the end of the main part of the fifty-third regular session; the purpose of the independent study will be:

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[4] A/49/680.

(a) To assess the system from a technical point of view, both in terms of design and operations, taking into account the specific requirements of the United Nations;

(b) To advise on the long-term maintenance and operational requirements of the system in terms of the number and qualifications of staff, infrastructure and communications;

(c) To advise on possible strategies for improving the system and optimizing maintenance costs;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his tenth progress report a detailed plan of action and the final level of resources needed to resolve all outstanding problems to make the Integrated Management Information System fully operational, taking into account the main observations of the two above-mentioned reports;

14. Further requests the Secretary-General to reduce the dependency on the current contractor by limiting additional work to the minimum required to facilitate the implementation of the system at offices away from Headquarters and to take the necessary measures to have additional work performed by staff or by a contractor selected after competitive bidding;

15. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that a comprehensive programme for Integrated Management Information System training is included as part of the ongoing training programme offered to staff at all duty stations concerned;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate and qualified staff are assigned to the implementation and operations of the system at all duty stations.

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The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the unspent balance of 9,326,600 United States dollars from the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

(b) Decides to allocate:

(i) An amount of 2.5 million dollars to the Integrated Management Information System for 1998;

(ii) An amount of 1.3 million dollars for improving and refurbishing conference facilities.

(c) Also decides to retain the balance amount with a view to financing the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as requested in resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, taking into account the recommendations of the Secretary-General in this regard.

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